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- 1. THE MOLITTIERI INCIDENT AROSE FROM A PERSONALITY CONFLICT WITH CERTAIN KEY OFFICIALS OF THE THAI CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WHICH THREATENED TO UNDERMINE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. CUSTOMS TEAM AND THAI CUSTOMS. WITH MR MOLITTIERI'S TRANSFER AND THE APPOINTMENT OF MR BISHOP AS ACTING CHIEF OF PARTY, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOW MOVE FORWARD SUCCESSFULLY. BISHOP ENJOYS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH ALL ELEMENTS OF THAI CUSTOMS AND HAS A RECORD OF WORKING WELL WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS.
- 2. FLETCHER BOTTER OF US CUSTOMS HAS BEEN IN BANGKOK FOR SEVERAL DAYS REVIEWING THE SITUATION WITH THE US MISSION, THAI CUSTOMS AND MEMBERS OF THE US CUSTOMS TEAM AND CONCURS IN THIS ASSESSMENT. WHITEHOUSE

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